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BOATING SEASON BEGINS IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Warm temperatures have created favorable conditions for local residents and visitors to begin recreational activities on lakes and rivers in Grand Teton National Park. With the onset of the boating season, comes a reminder that all watercraft require a permit to operate on park waterways.

Boating permits may be purchased at the Moose and Colter Bay Visitor Centers, Flagg Information Station, and the Signal Mountain and Buffalo Ranger Stations. Permit costs are:

Non-motorized craft \$5.00 for a 7-day permit or (Human-powered vessels) \$10.00 for an annual permit

Motorized craft \$10.00 for a 7-day permit or (Motor boats) \$20.00 for an annual permit

Grand Teton National Park's annual boat permit is accepted in Yellowstone National Park; however, boaters are required to check in at South Gate, Grant Village, Bridge Bay or Lake Ranger Station prior to boat use to validate their permit.

Personal Watercraft (PWC) commonly referred to as "jet skis" or "waverunners" are not permitted within most National Park Service units including Grand Teton National Park. PWC's are small vessels operated by persons sitting, standing or kneeling. They are usually less than 16 feet in length and use an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as the primary source of power.

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